

## **Bridge Project Review Process**

A desire to have more complete candidate information presented at the Bridge Replacement Advisory Committee (BRAC) meetings has prompted some changes to the review process.

The project review, formerly conducted after a bridge was recommended for funding by the BRAC, will now be performed prior to the BRAC meeting. This change will provide more accurate cost estimates, better defined projects, more accurate condition and inventory coding, and more complete load rating information. This improved information will allow the committee to make more informed bridge project recommendations to the Director of Highways & Local Programs (H&LP) for approval.

Site reviews will be scheduled and performed during the summer for the BRAC meeting in the fall. A review team composed of the FHWA Bridge Engineer, the H&LP Bridge Engineer for Local Agencies, a co-inspector from WSDOT Bridge and Structures-Bridge Preservation Office, WSDOT Regional Local Programs representatives, and representatives for the local agency bridge owner will perform the site reviews inspections.

The information gathered during the site reviews will be incorporated into the presentation of candidates given during the BRAC project recommendation meetings.